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Title: **APPARATUS, AND AN ASSOCIATED METHOD, FOR  
DETECTING A MASS CALL EVENT AND FOR AMELIORATING  
THE EFFECTS THEREOF**  
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In response to the Office Action mailed 11/02/2005, please amend the above  
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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the complete listing of the claims which  
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**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.